

clothes—and show more concern about the dignity and character of the individual. We need to be reinspired to work for freedom and justice and decency both in our wonderful land and in lands abroad. We need a reshuffling of our values to give us the proper perspective of life—to place spiritual values above material values. We must think more about such things as education and religion which stress intelligent and noble living and emphasize such ideals as the equality of individuals and justice for all people.

It is time we broadened our vision of life, remembering well the words: "Where there is no vision the people perish." When we concentrate our minds on material things, when we persist in pursuing only those things which bring us physical comfort and pleasure, we ignore the dire warning of the American poet who said:

"You will not be saved by General Motors,  
You will not be saved by prefabricated houses,  
You will not be saved by dialectic materialism,  
You will not be saved by the Lambeth Conference,  
You will not be saved by the expanding universe,  
In fact you will not be saved."

Above all, I would have us return to that philosophy of idealism which guided the thinking and the deeds of the men and women who founded this country and which had so much to do with molding our fortunes as a nation. It is the philosophy of humanism and the dignity of the individual. It is the philosophy of equality and freedom. We may thank God that despite the assaults that have been made upon it, this philosophy of idealism still prevails in our midst as a guide to us and to those who will follow us.

In an age of anxiety and confusion—at times when we wonder about the future of democracy, our civilization, the good society which we have established—it is consoling and reassuring to reflect upon the great documents of our history which so adequately state this philosophy of idealism. It is written in the preamble of our Constitution—"We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

And the foreword to our Maryland Declaration of Rights, which